Action-plan for improvement in Railways

3787. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased as state:

(a) whether the Railways needs commitment of time and an improvement in its system of safe delivery of goods to compete with the Roadways for transportation of goods;

(b) if so, reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have formulated any action plan for above mentioned improvement in Railways; and

(d) if so, the outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) The Railways have taken steps to give timely and safe transport service to the goods booked by its customers. These measures include: (i) running of point to point rakes eliminating handling and detentions enroute; (ii) providing door to door containerised transport service through Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR)—a PSU of Railways, (iii) running of fixed schedule "CONTRACK" trains through CONCOR, (iv) introduction of modern wagons by CONCOR for faster transportation of international traffic, (v) offering value added service like leased space in brake/ parcel vans for guaranteed and safe clearance of parcel traffic.

Low performance level of Indian Railways

3788. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased as state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in China, where transport demand is more or less of the same pattern as in India, the passenger traffic is like that of India;

(b) whether Chinese Railways carry about 1800 BTKM of freight but Indian Railways carry only about 300 BTKM; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for such low performance in Indian Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Indian Railways and Chinese Railways operate under substantially different political and economic systems. Hence a direct